

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 30 as follows:

Browser data file management systems attempt to compensate for this problem by allowing the user to “empty” the designated storage area on the hard disk by deleting all of these files. However, this also deletes files for addresses that the user would be expected to access in the future. Additionally, if a user desires to delete certain cookies to ensure privacy, the user cannot easily determine which ~~cookies~~ cookies should be save and which cookies should be deleted, especially if the cookies do not contain descriptive names. Thus, the user is often left to “guess” as to which cookie to delete. Often, users will err on the side of caution and delete all cookies, thus deleting cookies that the user would otherwise keep. Accordingly, when the user visits a web page of interest, such as an on-line shopping page, the user must again input relevant information that would otherwise be stored in the cookie, such as mailing address, e-mail address, and other contact information.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7 as follows:

According to the invention, a system for managing a plurality of data files for web browsers is provided. The system includes a storage area on a computer storage medium, the storage area storing the data files; a computer configured to access the storage area; a first database configured to index the data files stored in the storage area; and a program configured to generate automated search strings, the program further configured to search the database index according to the automated search ~~stings~~ strings and identify data files associated with the automated search strings.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 18 as follows:

Of course, one of ordinary skill in the art will readily appreciate that common searching techniques ~~known~~ known in the art can be employed in the present invention, such as using root expanders and boolean variables. Figs. 2B and 3B illustrate an alternative embodiment of the invention in which a boolean structured search is used to search the stored data files. The search string is a structured query that comprises the following variables: Name, Address, Type, Last Accessed, Last Modified, Last Checked, Expires, and a variable

field. The Name and Address fields are text fields, the Type field comprises a list of predefined file types, and the Last Accessed, Last Modified, Last Checked, and Expires fields are date fields. The Variable field is a user defined field.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 1 as follows:

The user can also edit existing searches in step 510 by selecting one of the searches displayed in window 1442. Fig. 10A shows three illustrative search strings the user may edit: “http://abouttmcass.com/images/call_back.gif”, which is an Internet web site; “Name = !widget! or !cookie!”, which is a structured query; and “widget1104.jpg”, which is a file name. Illustratively, the user has selected the search string http://abouttmcass.com/images/call_back.gif” to edit in text edit box 1444, as depicted by step 550. The user can either ~~or~~ edit or delete the selected string in step 560.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 1 as follows:

If the favorite site has not been ~~aeess~~ accessed after the threshold date, then the user is prompted in step 844 to retain or delete the Favorite site from the Favorite list. If the user decides to keep the Favorite site in the user’s Favorite list in step 846, then that Favorite site and all data files associated with that favorite site are retained in step 848. However, if the user decides to delete the Favorite site from the Favorites list, then the Favorite site is deleted from the Favorite list in step 848, and all associated data files are likewise deletes in step 850. The Favorite database 1630 is updated accordingly.